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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Being filed herewith is a request for extension of time of three months, together with a check for the small entity fee of \$465. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include the payment of any issue fee.

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24.(Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22 or 23, wherein the service module has floor and ceiling cavities in which the mains service supplies are routed.

25. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22, wherein one building module is a dedicated plant room that feeds the mains supply service to the service module.

26. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22, wherein the service module is sectional so that it can be extended or shortened to provide more or less connection nodes as required.

27. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22, wherein there is provided a plurality of service modules, some modules being disposed in a direction transverse to others.

28. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 27, wherein the mains service is for waste disposal and each service module is provided with a holding tank that is connected to a lavatory or wash area of an adjacent building module.

29. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 28, wherein holding tanks of adjacent service modules are connected by a suction waste pipe.